

PASCOAG UTILITY DISTRICT - BOARD OF UTILITY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Pascoag Utility District Board of Utility Commissioners was held on Monday, June 22, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the District office, 253 Pascoag Main Street, Pascoag, RI.

Members Present: Chairman Albert Palmisciano, Commissioners Ann Polacek, Richard Jenks, Michael Kogut and Doug Lees

Members Absent:

Also in Attendance: Michael Kirkwood, General Manager; William Bernstein, General Counsel

Chairman Palmisciano opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Public Comment**
- 3. Committee Comments**
- 4. Good and Welfare of the District**
 - A. Docket No. 1725**

Mr. Kirkwood reviewed the customer shut off information. There were 19 standard customers terminated in the month of May. Pascoag Utility District sent 602 disconnection notices for customers whose past due balances were more than \$50.00. Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Kogut, seconded by Mr. Jenks. The vote in favor was unanimous.

B. Exxon Mobil Settlement Fund

Mr. Kirkwood reported that the money market account contained \$1,352,418.79 and the CD contained \$506,000. The funds have been

used for water exploration and for the tank repair which will be reimbursed by the insurance company. Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Jenks, seconded by Mr. Lees. The vote in favor was unanimous.

C. Arborist Position

Mr. Guertin stated that the District hired Jim Phillips from Foster, RI. He's been at the District for the past two weeks and is working out well.

D. Hauser Field

Mr. Guertin stated that due to demand costs the Town has decided to control the Hauser Field lights with a generator. It would be fully isolated from the District but they could go back on our service if they choose in the future.

E. Hydrant Flushing

Mr. Kirkwood stated that the District and HFD will be doing an aggressive system flushing this week. Staff is working from 9PM-4AM to flush the system. There is a 60 step program that staff has developed to work towards eliminating the frequency of water discoloration. In the long time they are also looking at relining some of the areas that are the most problematic.

F. Water Tank Update

Mr. Kirkwood reported that the tank went back online last Saturday at

noon. The SCADA system was showing that the system is where it should be height wise. The tank is back in normal operation.

G. Thank You

The District received a thank you notice for its donation to a fund for a Burrillville police officer who has cancer. Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Jenks, seconded by Mr. Kogut. The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. Approval of Minutes

•Regular BUC Meeting- May 18, 2015-Mr. Jenks made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Kogut. The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business

8. Financial Reports

A. Electric Department- April

B. Water Department-April

Mr. Kirkwood reviewed financial reports for the month of April. Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Jenks, seconded by Mr. Kogut. The vote in favor was unanimous.

9. Executive Session

To go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the future relationship between Pascoag Utility District and Harrisville Fire District Water Department concerning the current wholesale water supply and implications should the current supply arrangement be

reconsidered, pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(6). The minutes of said meeting shall remain confidential for as long as necessary pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, until a majority of the Board shall vote to open said minutes as provided for and subject to the open meetings.

Motion to enter Executive Session made by Mr. Jenks, seconded by Mr. Kogut. The vote in favor was unanimous. The Board entered Executive Session at 6:53PM.

Motion to exit Executive session made by Mr. Kogut, seconded by Mr. Jenks. The vote in favor was unanimous. Executive Session was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Mr. Jenks made a motion to seal the minutes with no votes taken, seconded by Mr. Kogut. The vote in favor was unanimous.

10. Action Item: Approval of rate study to be performed by B&E.

Mr. Jenks made a motion to approve the rate study, seconded by Mr. Lees. The vote in favor was unanimous.

11. Adjournment

Ms. Polacek made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Lees. The vote in favor was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04PM.

Michael Kogut, Secretary

Board of Utility Commissioners

Desarae Dolan, Recording Secretary